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**Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, including the seven thematic areas of the outcome document of the special session**

**Pakistan: draft resolution**

## Strengthening efforts to prevent drug use in educational settings

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs*,

*Fully aware* that the world drug problem constitutes a serious threat to public health and to the safety and well-being of humanity, including children and young people and their families and communities,

*Bearing in mind* that the world drug problem is a common and shared responsibility that should continue to be addressed in a multilateral setting through effective and increased international cooperation and that demands an integrated, multidisciplinary, mutually reinforcing, balanced, scientific evidence-based and comprehensive approach,

*Reaffirming* its unwavering commitment to ensuring that all aspects of demand reduction and related measures, supply reduction and related measures, and international cooperation are addressed in full conformity with the purposes and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, international law and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[1] with full respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, the principle of non-intervention in the internal affairs of States, all human rights, fundamental freedoms, the inherent dignity of all individuals and the principles of equal rights and mutual respect among States,

*Reaffirming also* its determination to address public health, safety and social problems resulting from drug abuse and to promote a society free of drug abuse,

*Recalling* its resolutions in which it put emphasis on preventing drug use among children and youth, and reiterating that children and youth are our most precious asset,

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[1] General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

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*Recalling also* that in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem[2] and in the outcome document of the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem",[3] Member States recognized, inter alia, the need to work with children and youth in multiple settings, including educational settings, with a view to preventing drug use among children and youth,

*Noting with concern* the challenges posed by drug use and drug use disorders in educational settings, which can seriously undermine national efforts aimed at providing opportunities for the healthy and safe development of children and youth,

*Emphasizing* that educational settings have a significant role to play in promoting health and, in particular, education on drug use prevention among children and youth, as well as healthy lifestyles through curricular and extracurricular activities, including sports,

*Recalling* the publication entitled *School-based Education for Drug Abuse Prevention*,[4] as well as the *International Standards on Drug Use Prevention* and *Good Policy and Practice in Health Education: Education Sector Responses to the Use of Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs*, published by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the World Health Organization,

*Noting with appreciation* the ongoing efforts by Member States to prevent drug use among children and youth in educational settings, including through awareness-raising and prevention programmes, and recognizing the need to intensify those efforts,

*Noting* the ongoing work and initiatives by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, including capacity-building initiatives that seek to promote family, school and community-based prevention programmes such as the Families and Schools Together programme and the Youth Initiative,

1. *Urges* Member States, as part of their comprehensive drug demand reduction measures at the national level, to strengthen efforts, as appropriate, to prevent drug use in educational settings, in both the public and private sectors, including by developing and implementing comprehensive, scientific-evidence-based and tailor-made interventions and programmes aimed at providing children and youth with information regarding illicit drug use and its harmful effects and consequences, as well as drug use prevention, counselling and skills and opportunities to choose healthy lifestyles, and also urges Member States to promote safe and drug-free environments in educational settings;

2. *Encourages* Member States to enhance efforts to develop or update age-appropriate drug prevention curricula and to integrate them, as appropriate, into all levels of education at the national level with a view to promoting drug prevention in educational settings;

3. *Emphasizes* the significance of enhancing coordination and cooperation among all relevant national stakeholders, in particular education, health and law enforcement authorities, to develop, implement and regularly monitor and assess the impact of comprehensive interventions and programmes aimed at preventing drug use in educational settings;

4. *Invites* Member States to strengthen, as appropriate, interaction and partnerships with students, teachers, families and communities, as well as the private

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[2] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8* (E/2009/28), chap. I, sect. C.

[3] General Assembly resolution S-30/1, annex.

[4] United Nations publication, Sales No. E.04.XI.21.

sector and civil society, when designing and implementing comprehensive drug prevention interventions and programmes tailored to educational settings;

5. *Encourages* Member States to promote the exchange of good practices and experiences in preventing drug use in educational settings, and calls upon the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to facilitate such exchanges;

6. *Calls upon* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, as part of its efforts to promote follow-up to the prevention-related provisions of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem[2] and to the operational recommendations contained in the outcome document of the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem",[3] to assist Member States, upon request, in addressing, at the national level, the challenge of drug use in educational settings;

7. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to enhance, upon request, technical assistance and capacity-building programmes for the purpose of preventing drug use in educational settings, and also requests the Office to assist Member States in promoting research and data collection in this regard to enable them to better understand the challenge and respond to it more effectively;

8. *Invites* relevant international organizations and civil society organizations to assist Member States, upon request, in strengthening tailor-made drug prevention interventions and programmes for educational settings;

9. *Decides* to hold a thematic discussion on the topic of strengthening measures to prevent drug use in educational settings with a view to promoting the exchange of good practices on preventing drug use in educational settings;

10. *Invites* Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources for these purposes, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations;

11. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, as part of existing reporting obligations, to report to the Commission, at its sixty-third session, on the implementation of the present resolution.